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"PATENT APPLICATION"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of

HIERONYMUS ANDRIESSEN ET AL

U. S. Serial No. 09/584,489

Group Art Unit 1773

Filed: June 1, 2000

K. R. Kruer, Examiner

ACID STABLE AQUEOUS DISPERSION
OF METAL PARTICLES AND APPLICATIONS

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Alexandria, Virginia
October 8, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed April
10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-2, 10, 13, and 15-19, without prejudice.

Amend claims 3, 9 and 12 as follows:

3. (Amended) A sheet or web material comprising a
support and a metal layer coated from an aqueous composition
comprising a dispersion of metal or metal alloy particles,
prepared by chemical reduction of metal ions in aqueous
medium, wherein (1) said dispersion has a concentration of
at least 20 g of particles per liter, (2) said particles
show an average size between 5 and 200 nm, and (3) said

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